

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS
IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

Please amend the following claims as indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A scribe method for forming a plurality of scribe lines in directions intersecting with one another in a surface of a brittle material substrate, said method comprising

forming at least one scribe line in a first direction by a scribe means to generate a first high-penetration vertical crack in the first direction in the brittle material substrate, and

forming at least one scribe line in a second direction by said scribe means to generate a second high-penetration vertical crack in the second direction in the brittle material substrate,

wherein said at least one scribe line in the second direction intersects with said at least one scribe line of the first direction,

~~wherein the formation of the intersection between the scribe line in the second direction and the scribe line of the first direction occurs without the scribe means being pressed against an existing scribe line in the brittle material substrate, and~~

wherein, in the formation of said at least one scribe line in ~~a the~~ second direction, the scribe means ~~stops scribing~~ presses against the brittle material substrate at a scribe start position and a scribe stop position which ~~are is~~ set at a distance of 0.5 to 0.7 mm from ~~the said~~ scribe line of ~~in~~ the first direction and restarts scribing at a scribe re-start position which is set at a distance of 0.5 to 0.7 mm from said scribe line in the first direction, and

~~wherein the second high-penetration vertical crack extends beyond the scribe stop position and reaches the scribe line in the first direction, and also extends backward from the scribe re-start position and reaches the scribe line in the first direction, thereby forming the intersection between the scribe line in the second direction and the scribe line in the first direction.~~

2. (Canceled).

3. (Withdrawn) A scribe method for a brittle material substrate, in which a plurality of scribe lines intersecting with one another are formed in a surface of the brittle material substrate, wherein, when sequentially forming in the surface of the brittle material substrate at least one scribe line of a first direction and at least one scribe line of a second direction intersecting with the at least one scribe line of the first direction with a scribe means generating a high-penetration vertical crack in the brittle material substrate by applying impacts of a short period to the point on the surface of the brittle material substrate, the relation between a load P_1 that is applied to the scribe means while forming the at least one scribe line in the first direction and a load P_2 that is applied to the scribe means while forming the at least one scribe line in the second direction is set to $P_1 > P_2$.

4. (Withdrawn) A scribe apparatus for carrying out the scribe method according to claim 3, the scribe apparatus comprising:

a scribe means generating a high-penetration vertical crack in the brittle material substrate by applying impacts of a short period to the point on the surface of the brittle material substrate; and

a load control means for controlling a load applied to the scribe means such that the relation between the load P_1 that is applied to the scribe means while forming the at least one scribe line in the first direction and the load P_2 that is applied to the scribe means while forming the at least one scribe line in the second direction is $P_1 > P_2$.

5. (Previously Presented) The scribe method according to claim 1, wherein the scribe means generates the high-penetration vertical crack by applying impacts of a short period to the point on the surface of the brittle material substrate.

6. (Withdrawn) The scribe method according to claim 5, wherein the scribe means comprises a cutter having a plurality of protrusions formed by a plurality of grooves.

7. (Withdrawn) The scribe method according to claim 6, wherein the grooves comprise a shape selected from the group consisting of U-shape, V-shape, sawtooth shape, and rectangular shape.

8. (Previously Presented) The scribe method according to claim 1, wherein the scribe means presses against the brittle material substrate at the scribe start position or the scribe stop position at a location which is within an advance distance of the vertical crack and which is distant from the existing scribe line.

9. (Previously Presented) The scribe method according to claim 1, wherein the scribe means does not press against the existing scribe line in the brittle material substrate in a vicinity around the existing scribe line.

10. (Previously Presented) The scribe method according to claim 9, wherein the vicinity around the existing scribe line comprises a distance of 0.5 to 0.7 mm on either side of the existing scribe line.

11. (Withdrawn) The scribe apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the scribe means comprises a cutter having a plurality of protrusions formed by a plurality of grooves.

12. (Withdrawn) The scribe apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the grooves comprise a shape selected from the group consisting of U-shape, V-shape, sawtooth shape, and rectangular shape.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Canceled).

15. (Canceled).